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ANTONE ROSA.

In the death of Antone Rosa, Hawaii nei has lost a son, who beyond comparison was the brightest and most brilliant of the native Hawaiians.

Had he been born in one of the great countries of the world, his energy and brain would have pushed him to the front rank among his fellow citizens.

Born under comparatively humble circumstances, through the union of a Portuguese father and a Hawaiian mother, he received during his early years the ordinary education provided in our government schools, but his brightness soon made him a special pet of the Rev. Alex. Mackintosh, the principal of the Royal School where Antone Rosa received his first lessons.

After leaving school, still a young boy, he entered the law office of the late Justice Harris, who took a special interest in the boy and gave to him the foundation in the lore of law, which in future days made Rosa one of the brightest barristers in Hawaii.

Later on he was appointed clerk of the Supreme Court, and when the late Mr. Preston was Attorney-General, Rosa was appointed his chief clerk.

The deceased always claimed that the success of his career as a lawyer was due to his having held important positions in the offices connected with the Judiciary department.

During that period he was an ardent student of law, and although he never attended any law school, he was a far brighter and well posted jurist than many of the men from colleges and universities, who have practised in our courts.

A brilliant orator in the English and Hawaiian languages he made a deep impression on every jury before whom he pleaded a cause. Through his wonderful eloquence he secured the acquittal of several men on their trials for life, where all the evidence was against the defendants. As a political orator he was unexcelled, and those present in 1887, when he publicly addressed the people from the old armory (the Brewer building) will never forget the magnetic influence of his words in behalf of his countrymen.

When he accepted the portfolio as Attorney-General from Kalakaua his true friends felt sorry that he should throw away his promising career as an attorney to enter the Palace and join the glittering court of his monarch. The anticipations of his friends came too true, and in the place of the earnest jurist the clever attorney, and the studious young Hawaiian, they found the dazzling chamberlain, adjutant-general, governor, and the holder of all the great offices which the King showered on Rosa.

When the reaction took place,

and the wings of the monarch were shorn, Rosa took his place again as a member of the Bar, but it was difficult for him to forget the festive days that had passed.

In 1887, he made a splendid fight for a seat in the Legislature, but was defeated by a small vote. In 1890, he was elected a member of the Legislature by the National Reform Party, and helped in ousting the Thurston Cabinet. Since 1893 he took very little active interest in politics, although to the end he was as loyal a patriot to the Hawaiian cause as any of his fellow citizens. He enjoyed the respect of all parties and at the urgent request of the Dole Government he accepted temporarily the office of Circuit Judge for Hawaii, which had become vacant upon the death of Justice Austin. During his short incumbency in that office he gained the confidence and admiration of the people of the big island, who did all in their power to induce him to retain the important position. During the past year the deceased was a sick man, but it was the hope of his friends, that his former robust constitution and his youth would carry him through the illness, from which he suffered. Providence wanted it otherwise and to-day a young widow with three small children mourn together with the Hawaiian people, the loss of a husband, a devoted father and a loyal and generous friend.

THE RICE INDUSTRY.

There is a Hawaiian industry, second only to that of sugar, which may be almost annihilated unless some provision is made in our new organic law for its protection by permitting the entry of Chinese labor for its cultivation; for its production has been, is, and apparently must be almost exclusively in the hands of the Chinese, for so far as we can learn by careful enquiry neither the Hawaiian, Portuguese nor Japanese are successful in raising rice.

As nearly as can be ascertained there are about 10,000 acres cultivated in rice yielding an average rental of twenty dollars a year, and raising about 20,000 tons of the value of about \$2,000,000. Of this quantity about 5000 tons are annually exported and the balance retained for home consumption.

Should labor for the cultivation of these rice fields be prohibited from coming here by the United States laws, these lands reclaimed by the arduous labor of Chinese from waste swamp and morass would be liable to return to their former barrenness and not only commercial interests and the food supply would be prejudicially affected but the Government would lose a considerable amount in its revenues.

The profits of these rice fields go not alone to the Asiatic cultivators, but are widely distributed among all classes and nationalities, but principally among the white men and Hawaiians in rents of leased lands, insurance, commissions, freights, cartage and in many other ways.

This industry, in its employment of Chinese exclusively, in no way militates against the labor interests of whites or Hawaiians or any American or Hawaiian industry, but, on the other hand its practical destruction will deprive a large number of persons, other than Chinese, of emoluments, labor and benefits without providing an adequate compensation, and the only result attained will be to pander to a purely sentimental theory at the cost of an amount equal to one-half our national debt.

Wherever the interests of white labor, be it skilled or unskilled, are attacked THE INDEPENDENT is as strongly anti-Asiatic as the most demagogic agitator, but there are circumstances in which common sense and conservatism should be occasionally used and in our judgment this rice industry is one of the instances.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Poor Mr. Dole, how sad it is to have so kindly a friend as the P. C. A. to re-stir a mud puddle that otherwise would have been ignored by the passer-by. The puerile defense of the favorite unpleasantly recalls such other better-be-forgotten episodes of thoughtlessness such as the contribution to the Maine Fund. Such minute offenses are drowned in the mass of much more grievous sins.

General — does excellent service for Malietoa Laupepa in this morning's Illustrated. Get on to the Hawaiian decoration.

An item in an evening paper referring to a "strike" in the lumber yard of Allen & Robinson is incorrect. The fact is that a number of laborers did not give satisfaction in the unloading of a lumber vessel and were replaced by another gang.

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ANDREW BROWN,
Supt. Honolulu Water Works.
Approved: J. A. KING,
Minister of Interior.
Honolulu, H. I., Sept. 7, 1898.
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A meeting of the Honolulu Free Kindergarten Training Class will be held at Queen Emma Hall at 3 o'clock to-morrow afternoon. All young ladies wishing to take a course in the work are requested to be present.

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Timely Topics.

Honolulu, Sept. 1, 1898

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